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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 111

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Official action mailed September 27, 2002. A petition for a one-month extension accompanies this response. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly CANCEL claims 1 – 19 without prejudice to the subject matter involved and ADD claims 22 – 31 in lieu thereof as follows:

--- 22. (New) A method for verifying the resistance status of a field-grown plant exhibiting a resistance phenotype, comprising

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- (a) exposing a population of plants to a pesticidal compound or a plant pathogen under field conditions;
- (b) collecting those field-grown plants that exhibit a resistance phenotype under field conditions;